

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejection and cancellation of claims 5, 6, 9, 13, and 15-19 without prejudice are requested. The rejection of claims 5, 6, 9, 13, and 15-19 has been obviated by the cancellation of these claims. The rejection of claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10-12, 14, and 20-23 has been addressed by amending the independent claims.

Independent claims 1, 7, 10, 14, and 20-23 have been amended to better emphasize their patentable distinctions. As amended, the claims define remote components and activation requests that correspond to reusable program building blocks that are combinable with one or more other components in a network to form an application. This is supported by the specification, for example, at page 4, lines 3-6.

Moreover, the claims define systems and techniques whereby a client can generate such activation requests to be fulfilled by a server, even if the client lacks information about any specific server that can process the requests. This allows client nodes to create remote program components on available server nodes without monitoring the state of the network. This is supported by the specification, for example, on page 2, line 13, to page 3, line 3. The art of record fails to teach or

suggest these systems and techniques as claimed to promote the above-described advantages. As such, it is respectfully suggested that these claims should be allowable.

Dependent claims 2-4, 8, and 11-12 are patentable based on the above arguments and their own merits. Therefore, it is respectfully suggested that all pending claims, 1-4, 7, 8, 10-12, 14, and 20-23, are now in full condition for allowance and an official notice of allowance is requested to issue at an early date.

Applicant asks that all claims be examined. Enclosed is a \$750.00 check for the Request for Continued Examination fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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